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man who now announces that although he favors the United States against Germany, yet he favors Germany against England, is a traitor to America." On August 10, 1917, he published a statement in which he said: "I trust that Congress will pass a law refusing to allow a newspaper to be published in German or in the language of any other of our opponents while this war lasts, so that we shall know just what they are saying and doing."

When street orators in New York City were condemning the war openly and violently assailing any one who rebuked them, he wrote to the Commissioner of Police on August 17: "We are in this war to a finish and the man is a traitor to this nation who directly or indirectly upholds Germany or attacks any of our allies while this war is pending* The newspaper that follows such a course should be promptly suppressed by the National Government, and any failure so to suppress any newspaper is a dereliction of duty. The street orator who takes such a course is preaching sedition and the police should take summary action about it."

On September 5, 1917, he gave out for publication an address entitled, "The Children of the Crucible/" which was signed by himself and 38 other persons representing ancestry in the allied nations, neutral countries, and Germany, giving reasons for united action in support of the war by all Americans of whatever national lineage. In it this passage occurred:

"We are Americans and nothing else. We

are the true
children of the crucible. This is a new nation. It
is a* melt-
ing pot of the old world nationalities that come
hither. The
new type is different from all other types. But
the mold
into which the crucible pours its contents was
fixed in the
days of Washington and the Eevolution. All
the children
of the crucible must be loyal to the American
tradition as
established by the men of Washington's day,
as preserved
by the men of Lincoln's day. Otherwise they
are not true
Americans. Unless we come out as one people,
and unless
that people is the American people, true to
the old ideals,